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Subject: FYI .. Congressional request - Charleston, WV chemical spill

Kathy, Karen, Jerry and Fran:

Be aware that our OSWER Congressional Liaison is following up on an inquiry from Senator Manchin's office with concern over the bankruptcy filing by the PRP. I've drafted the following to serve as an explanation of our decision process relative to taking an action when there is a PRP. As you'll see, it is pretty straight forward regulatory and policy language. It is currently being looked by others here in HQ to send to the Senator's staff later this afternoon. Sending to you FYI, but by all means let me/us (OEM) know if you have any concerns/issues with it.

Thanks,

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